**Points to Remember**

Just like face-to-face classes, online instruction requires a variety of instructional and assessment strategies. So here are a few pointers to get the creative juices flowing and please feel free to ask the Instructional Technology department for support:

Add **audio** to your course using:

* Audacity -download for free at http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/
* Wimba Voice Tools - these tools are listed as “Activities” in each Moodle course shell.
* PowerPoint - PowerPoint has an audio editor that you can use within the program itself.

Add **video** or supplemental slides:

* YouTube
* streaming.discoveryeducation.com
* teachertube.com
* watchknow.org
* slideshare.net

Meet your students where they are – online! Offer **virtual office hours** and **tutoring** hours:

* Blackboard Instant Messenger (Bb IM)
* Wimba Classroom
* Moodle Chat

Encourage your students to **write**:

Writing a **blog** can be a great learning tool for students. Since blogs are public (although they can be made private as well), students can publish their writings to the Internet and fellow students can easily make comments. Blogs are an interesting way to get discussions going. Below is a list of free blog sites:

* Blogspot.com
* Wordpress.com

**Wikis** can also be used for writing and they provide a nice space for group collaboration. With wikis student contributions can be easily tracked (which helps with grading).

* Wikispaces.com – free enhanced features for educational wikis
* PBwiki.com

These are just a few ideas for you to consider as you prepare to teach online. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Chris